

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Change of Address: Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner change the correspondence address for this application to:

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The Examiner has objected to the incorporation by reference of the priority French application. Applicants have amended the application to delete this incorporation by reference language. The priority claim, however, remains.

The Examiner has objected to Figure 1 of the drawings. Applicants propose a drawing amendment herein to add reference labels to the included boxes. The labels used are supported by the Specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

The disclosure has been objected to by the Examiner in view of certain identified informalities. These informalities have been addressed by the foregoing amendments made to the Specification. Applicants have additionally amended the Specification to replace the term "grid" with the term "gate" when referring to a MOS transistor control terminal so as to use more conventional terminology.

The claims were objected to because of the use of the phrase "the said." Applicants have amended the claims to correct the noted language. Additional minor changes have been made to

the claims to address grammatical and other language issues. These changes are not believed to narrow the scope of the claimed invention.

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

With respect to claim 1-13 and 20, the Examiner indicated several concerns with the language and recitations of the claim. Applicants have amended the claims as indicated herein, and believe that these amendments address each of the issues raised by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the Section 112 rejection of claims 1-26 is accordingly requested.

Turning now specifically to some of the Examiner's concerns, claim 1 recites an "analog electric circuit." This language is contained in the preamble and merely recites an intended use of the claimed "device." Applicants note that in claim 1, the "resistances in the circuit" are the only identified parts of the preamble recited analog electric circuit. It is respectfully submitted that this language is sufficiently distinct.

Also in claim 1, Applicants recite "adjustment resistances" and state that these are the elements which are positively recited. The nature of the Examiner's objection to this language is not understood.

With respect to claim 13, Applicants note that the specification teaches an operation wherein the analog circuit whose parameter is being adjusted is deactivated by inactivating the reference voltage source 12 during the time period where the fuses are to be blown. See, page 12, lines 9-12, and page 12, line 21 to page 13, line 2.

With respect to claim 14, the Examiner notes a "combinational logic" operation concern. However, the combinational logic is not claimed in claim 14. It is claimed in claim 15, and

appropriate modifications to that claim have been made therein to address the Examiner's concerns.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3-5, 7, 9, 10 and 13-26 present allowable subject matter. More specifically, claims 3-5, 7, 9 and 10 have been indicated as allowable if placed in independent format, and claims 13-26 have been indicated as allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled and the subject matter therein, as amended to address the Examiner's Section 112 issues, has been added to claim 1. Claims 7 and 9 have been amended into independent format by incorporating the subject matter of independent claim 1 (amended to address the Examiner's Section 112 issues). Claims 1 and 4-10 are accordingly believed to be in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shin. In view of the amendments made to claims 1, 7 and 9, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-10 are now in condition for favorable action and allowance.

Turning now to claim 11, it has been amended to recite subject matter believed to distinguish the claimed invention over Shin. Shin does not teach or suggest the combination or recited elements and functional operations. Allowance of claims 11-12 is requested.

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In view of the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully requested.

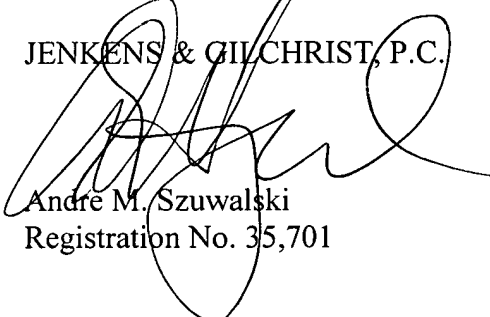
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In the Drawings:

Please amend Figure 1 of the Drawings as shown in the attached red mark-up to include labels for the illustrated boxes. Formal drawings reflecting the proposed amendments to Figure 1 will be provided following Examiner approval of the requested drawing amendment.